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(Urban Sanitary Authority).

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Borough Accountant:	*	Mr. F. H. Hordley.
Sanitary Inspector:	*	Mr. Philip Morgan.
Medical Officer of Health:	*	Dr. E.A. Saunders, (Junnr.,)

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M E D I C A L O F F I C E R O F H E A L T H .

for the year 1925.

To - His Worship the Mayor and Corporation of the Borough
of Pembroke.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1925.

General Statistics:

The area of the Borough is a little over eight square miles.

Population, Census 1921.....	15,580.
Estimated Population 1925.....	15,460
Number of inhabited houses.....	3,281.
Rateable Value.....	£56,347.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate..	£186.

Extract of Vital Statistics:

There were 263 births in the Borough of which 124 were males and 139 females giving a birth rate of 17.0. Of the 263 births 10 were illegitimate, 6 males and 4 females.

The Birth Rate has increased since 1924 when it was 15.5.

The Birth Rate for the whole County was 17.0, and that for England and Wales 18.3.

There were 185 deaths, giving a death rate of 10.5, which is lower than that for the year 1924 when it was 12.56.

The Death Rate for England and Wales was 12.2.

Of the Deaths, 7 died from Measles, 1 from Scarlet Fever, 4 from Influenza, 18 from Tuberculosis, 17 from Cancer, 2 from Rheumatic Fever, 1 from Diabetes, 9 from Cerebral Haemorrhage, 25 from Heart Disease, 5 from Arterio-sclerosis, 13 from Bronchitis, 9 from Pneumonia (all forms), and the remainder from other various causes.

The number of infants dying under the age of 1 year was 18, making the Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 births 68. There is an increase in the rate on that for the year 1924, when there were only 14 deaths making the Infantile Mortality Rate 57.



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Outdoor relief from January 1st to December 31st, 1925 (excluding unemployment relief) was £3,373. 16. 2.

There are two Hospitals in the Borough, viz., The Meyrick Hospital, Pembroke Dock and the Pembroke Hospital which are practically run on voluntary lines.

General Provision of Health Services in the Borough:

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or County Council:-

- (1) Tuberculosis - Sealyham Hospital for advanced Pulmonary cases, and Kensington Hospital, St. Brides for Surgical Tuberculosis; the former has provision for 33 cases and the latter 105.

These Hospitals are directly run by the King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association.

- (2) Maternity - There are 3 beds reserved for Maternity cases at the Victoria Nurses Homes and Meyrick Hospital.
- (3) Children - The Victoria Nurses Home and Meyrick Hospital and Pembroke Hospital and for Surgical Tuberculosis Kensington Hospital.
- (4 & 5) The County Council has taken over the treatment of all Infectious Diseases at the County Isolation Hospital, Pembroke Dock.

There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children in the area.

Ambulance Facilities:

- (a) Infectious cases are conveyed to the County Isolation Hospital by Motor Ambulance.
- (b) Non-infectious and accident cases conveyed by motor and hand ambulances.

Clinics and Treatment Centres:

There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre in the Borough which is held fortnightly. Your Medical Officer supervises the Centre on behalf of the County Council. The attendance throughout has been exceptionally good, and mothers are at all times most anxious to receive advice. Free milk is distributed to expectant and nursing Mothers and children under 5 if circumstances are such that they are unable to pay.

There is also a Tuberculosis Visiting Station which the County Tuberculosis Physician attends weekly.

Cases of Venereal Diseases are treated at the St. James General and Eye Hospital, and the Rail way fares of Patients unable to pay are defrayed by the County Council.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority:

There is a part-time Medical Officer and one whole-time Sanitary Inspector. The salaries of both Officials are paid partly by the Ministry of Health, and partly by the Local Authority.

Professional Nursing in the Home:

(a) General Nursing is undertaken by three District Nurses provided by two voluntary District Nursing Associations subsidised by the County Council.

(b) There is no special nurse available for infectious cases.

Midwifery:

The Midwifery work in the Borough is carried out by the three District Nurses, and several other trained Midwives resident in the Borough.

Legislation in Force:

The following are the adoptive Acts and Bye-laws in existence in the Borough:-

Part III of the Public Health Act Amendment Act 1890.

The Infectious Diseases Notifications Act 1891.

Part II Sections 15 - 20 inclusive and Sections 22 and 23.

Part III Sections 34 - 38 inclusive and Sections 42 and 51.

Parts IV, V, and X.

OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS AMENDMENT ACT 1907.

These Acts have been adopted by the Council so far as appears above.

The following Bye-laws have been approved by the proper Authorities viz.,

Nuisances, approved by Local Government Board 28/11/1881.

Cleaning of Footways, Approved by Local Government Board 28/11/1881.

Common Lodging Houses, Approved by the Local Government Board 28/11/1881.

Drainage of Buildings &c., Approved by the Local Government Board, 14/10/1907.

Public Slaughterhouses, Approved by Quarter Sessions 10/10/1887.

Good Rule & Government, approved by Local Government Board, 25/4/1907.

Tents, Vans, Sheds and similar structures used for human habitation, 30/3/1909.

Water:

The water supply is drawn from two sources, viz.,

(1) Milton New Spring which is situated outside the Borough Boundary, and

(2) a number of Springs inside the line.

The Water supply on the whole is good and the Borough is fortunate in having a copious and constant supply of water comparatively free from organic pollution.

Rivers and Streams:

Although some effluent is discharged into water within the Borough - notably into the Mill Pond at Pembroke - its tidal character has prevented any injurious pollution.

Drainage and Sewerage:

The greater portion of the Borough is already provided with an up-to-date system which has continued to work well, and as extensions are made a corresponding improvement in the health of the residents will be expected.

A record of those at present in use is kept in the Sanitary Officer's files.

Housing:

The Housing problem has automatically solved itself owing to the unfortunate closure of H.M. Dockyard.

Sanitary Inspection of the District:

The provisions of the Housing (Inspection of (District) Regulations 1910 inclusive of Workshops &c., have been completely carried out during the year, and I have pleasure in submitting herewith a statement of the Sanitary Inspector thereon.

Refuse Collection:

The collection of house refuse has been satisfactorily carried out during the year. In the Pater Ward this is done by the Council and in the Pembroke Ward by contract.

The Refuse Tips are satisfactorily placed and have been kept in good condition.

— SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT —

for the year ending 31st

December, 1925.

To - His Worship the Mayor and Corporation.

Gentlemen,

In submitting my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1925, I wish to again express my thanks to the Council for the consideration given to my monthly reports and the adoption of the various recommendations made from time to time.

During the year I have continued my inspections under the Housing and Town Planning Acts so far as the time at my disposal would permit.

The Streets inspected were:

In the Pater Ward: Law Street East Side, Prospect Place, Picton Place, Milton Terrace, High Street, North Street Bufferland, North Side, Bufferland Terrace, numbering 305.

In the Pembroke Ward: Bridgend Terrace, Victoria Terrace, School Terrace, North Terrace, Norgans Hill Terrace, South Terrace, Merchants Park, Back Lane, Church Terrace, Monkton Village, Washington Terrace, Bush Terrace, and Long Mains, numbering 188.

In both Wards these houses had been previously inspected with the exception of Laws Street East Side. The repairs carried out as a result of previous inspections were well maintained and the houses generally were found in a very reasonable state of repair. These houses were also inspected in order that the position of the Sewer Junctions should be recorded in more detail for future reference.

Where any repairs were found necessary the usual notices were served on the owners to carry out the work and with very few exceptions have already been complied with, although in a few cases only after considerable pressure had been brought to bear on those responsible.

In addition to the Streets enumerated above a number of inspections have been made as a result of complaints received, and the usual action taken.

A number of houses have also been visited to follow up repairs not completed in 1924 in 80 cases, repairs so ordered have now been completed to my satisfaction.

Of the houses inspected during the year, 229 were cottages or one storey houses and 282 with two or more storeys. Of these there were 39 with two rooms, 107 with three rooms, 165 with four rooms, 59 with five rooms, 74 with six rooms, 37 with 7 rooms, 21 with eight rooms, 8 with nine rooms, 2 with ten rooms.

Thirteen houses were occupied with two families. The average number of occupiers in each house at the time of inspection was 3.77. In some instances the larger families were in the smaller houses, but in such cases they were invariably members of the same family.

Speaking generally the houses were with very few exceptions found clean and well cared for, especially when taking into consideration the conveniences at the disposal of the occupiers which speaks well for those responsible for the daily routine of household duties.

During the year 11 houses have been connected to the new Sewers.

The numbers and kinds of Sanitary arrangements in the Borough at present are approximately as follows:-

	W.Cs.	Pail Closets	Closets with Pit
Pembroke	194	324	486
Pembroke Dock.	1541	567	169.

Details of the houses inspected, defects found and remedied will be found tabulated at the end of my report.

The reorganisation of the collection of House refuse in the Pater Ward has given a better service, and at a saving of about one third of the original cost, and the refuse tips improved by regular levelling and keeping in order generally.

In the Pater Ward considerable further attention has been given to the cleansing and flushing of the Town Sewers and Storage Tunnel. The work which has been carried out at regular periods has very much improved their condition generally. If the system at present adopted is continued there is not likely to be any further trouble of a serious nature.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops:

The number of milksellers supplying milk in the Borough is 58, a reduction of 4 since my report for 1924.

Of this number 53 are Producer Retailers. Nineteen producers and three retailers are registered from the Rural District and 33 Producers and 3 Retailers from the Borough.

As a result of enquiries made during inspections, it is found there is approximately 630 cows supplying milk for the Borough, 264 from Dairies in the Rural District and 366 from dairies in the Borough.

A number of samples of milk has been taken for examination as to cleanliness, and the results given to the Council by the Medical Officer of Health.

The Sanitary condition of the Dairies and Cowsheds have been found very reasonable; with the exception of three instances where the floors of the sheds required improvement there was no reason to complain. One of these has already been attended to.

Markets and Slaughterhouses:

These have been regularly inspected during the year.

The quality of the meat supplied during the year in the Borough has been very good. It has, however, been necessary to condemn one carcass of beef, part of two consignments of frozen meat, one consignment of bacon, several internal organs and a small quantity of tinned foods.

The bringing into force of the new Meat Regulations has considerably increased the work of meat &c., inspection.

I am pleased to be able to report that the Butchers generally are complying with the Regulations in a very reasonable way.

The number of Slaughterhouses in the Borough at present is 2 Public and 3 Private - 1 Public and 1 Private in Pembroke and 1 Public and 2 Private in Pembroke Dock.

Workshops and Bakehouses:

The number of Workshops on the Council's Register at present is 48. Of this number 31 are in the Pater Ward and 17 in the Pembroke Ward all of which have been found in order.

The number of Bakehouses on the Register is 21; 13 in the Pater Ward and 8 in the Pembroke Ward.

There are no underground Bakeshouses, and with the exception of 4 requiring linewashing at the time of inspection they were found to be in a very reasonable condition.

The Registers of Workshops and Bakehouses have been revised with that of the Factory Inspector of the District.

Common Lodging Houses:

The Common Lodging Houses are all in the Pembroke Ward,; these have been regularly inspected by the Police whose reports have been made to the Council stating that they have been found to comply with the Byelaws.

I beg to remain,
Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Philip Horgan

S t r e e t	Number of Complaints																			
	No. of new W.Cs.	No. of Drains cleaned	No. of houses connected with Sewer.	Dirty Houses.	Dirty Yards.	S.A. Improved.	Yards Paved	Dampness	Defective Windows	Defective R.W.T.	Defective Roofs	Defective Plaster	Floors Repaired	No. of Houses Closed	No. not commenced	Number in hand	No. placed in repair	No. where action taken	No. of Houses inspected	
Law St., E. side	23	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	23	
Prospect Place	58	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	3	3	58	
Milton Terrace	51	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	4	4	51	
Picton Place	21	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	21	
High Street	107	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	4	-	-	10	10	107	
North St., N.S.	39	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	39	
Bufferland Terrace	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	6	
Victoria Terrace	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	4	
Bridgend Terrace	13	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	13	
School Terrace	10	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	10	
North Terrace	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Morgans Terrace	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	
South Terrace	8	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	
Merchants Park	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	
Back Lane	12	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	12	
Church Terrace	13	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	13	
Monkton Village	26	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	26	
Washington Ter	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
Bush Terrace	23	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	3	-	23	
Long Mains	43	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	5	5	43	
T o t a l	493	42	40	2	-	-	-	18	12	5	5	1	7	1	1	1	-	11	51	10

2		No. on Register.	Common Lodging Houses.
5		No. of Inspections.	
-		No. of Defects.	
58		No. on Register	Dairies
136		No. of Inspections.	
6		No. of Defects.	
5	2 Public 2 Private.	No. on Register.	Slaughter-houses.
196		No. of Inspections.	
-		No. of Defects.	
21		No. on Register.	Bakeryhouses
56		No. of Inspections.	
4		No. of Defects.	
40		No. on Register.	Workshops
52		No. of Inspections.	
-		No. of Defects.	
6		No. to Hospital.	Infectious Disease
47		No. of Disinfections.	
-		No. of Compensation cases.	
372		No. of Letters.	Letters.
18		No. of informal notices.	
17		No. of formal notices.	
12		Unsound Meat.	
Weekly		Market Inspections.	

Prevalence of, and control over Infectious Diseases:

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1925:-

<u>Diseases:</u>	<u>Total cases notified:</u>
Small Pox	Nil.
Scarlet Fever	2 8
Diphtheria	1
Enteric Fever	Nil.
Puerperal Fever	Nil.
Pneumonia	2 8
Erysipelas	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	Nil.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Nil.

Tuberculosis (new cases 1925):

Pulmonary	1 5.
Non-Pulmonary	2.

In conclusion, I should like to express my gratitude to every member of the Council for their courtesy and support, to Mr. R.D. Lowless the Town Clerk, for his great help always so freely given, and to Mr. Philip Morgan the Sanitary Inspector, for his valuable assistance.

I am, Gentlemen,

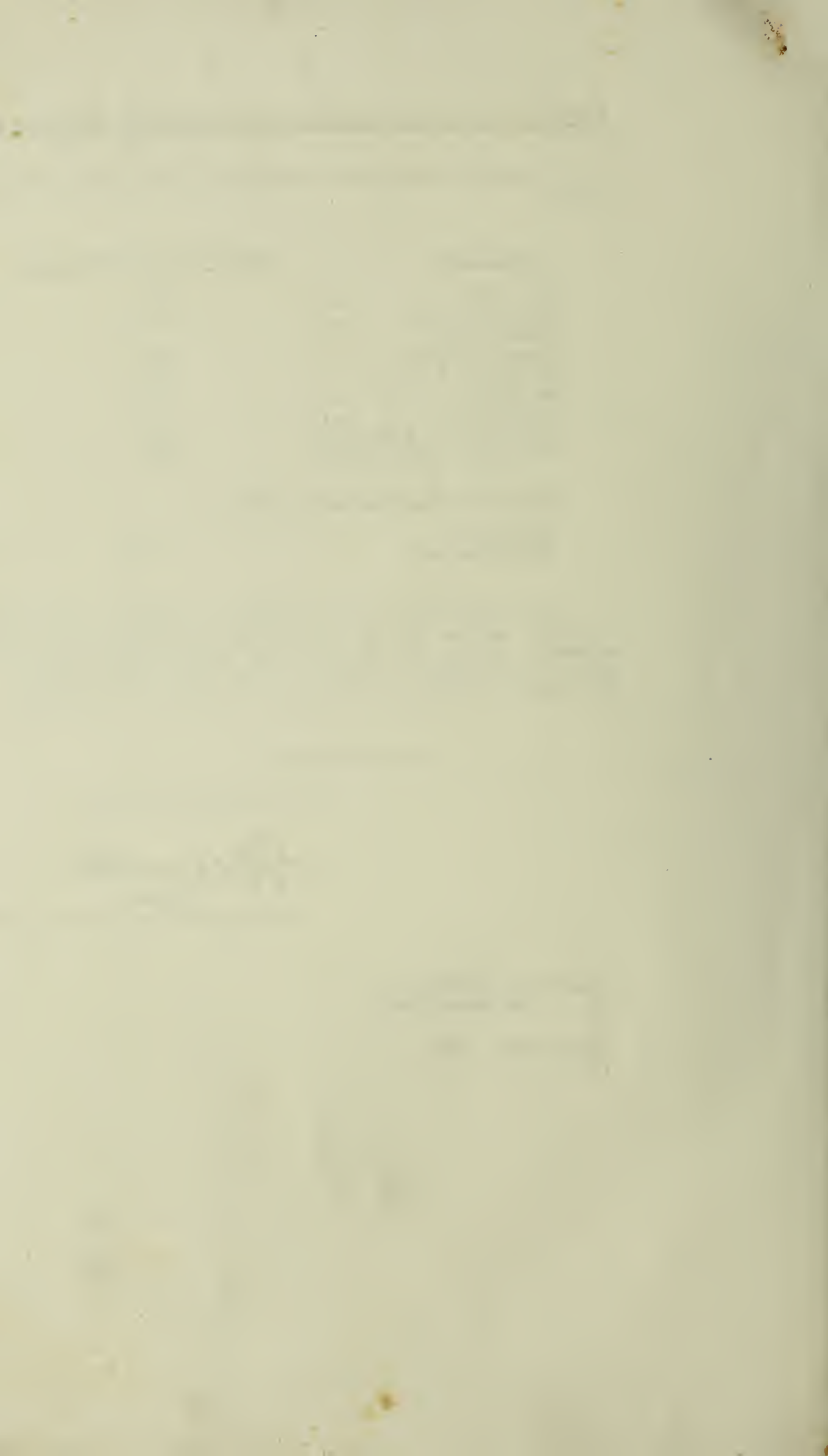
Your obedient Servant,

E.A. Saunders

Medical Officer of Health.

Municipal Offices,
Pembroke Dock,

31st July, 1926.



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Borough of Pembroke.

SUPPLEMENT TO ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF
HEALTH FOR 1925.

BOROUGH OF PEMBROKE.

SUPPLEMENT TO ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR
1925.

- (1) Particulars of the arrangements in force for administering
the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924.

These regulations were put into force in June, 1924, when the Sanitary Inspector, who holds the Meat & Foods Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, was appointed Meat Inspector.

As a result of a Conference between the Sanitary Inspector and Meat Traders, the regulations have been carried out smoothly and satisfactorily, and the supply of meat has on the whole been of an exceptionally good quality.

- (2) Chemical Work during the period under review.

There has been no Chemical work during the period under review.

- (3) Statement on the wholesomeness and purity of Milk Supply.

The Milk supply is obtained almost entirely from Producer Retailers. Samples for adulteration are taken by the Police, and for cleanliness by the Sanitary Department. The purity and wholesomeness of the supply has been satisfactory.

- (4) Statement on the Sanitary condition and water supply in
the Schools.

The Sanitary condition of all Schools in the Borough is satisfactory. The Sanitary conditions of same have been regularly and well attended to. The water supply is in all cases supplied from the Town Mains and is abundant.

- (5) A review of the incidence of Infectious Disease for the
quinquennial period 1920-1925.

<u>Disease:</u>	<u>1921</u>	<u>1922</u>	<u>1923</u>	<u>1924</u>	<u>1925.</u>
Scarlet Fever ...	27	35	16	4	28
Diphtheria ...	5	6	19	3	1
Enteric Fever ...	2	-	1	-	-
Puerperal Fever ...	1	1	1	-	-
Erysipelas ...	1	2	-	-	1
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	2	28	-	14	28
Tuberculosis - Lungs	23	30	27	20	15
" Other Forms.	3	10	12	9	2
Encephalitis Lethargia	-	-	2	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	1	-	-

- (6) Statement as to the arrangements made for the examination of pathological and bacteriological specimens, and whether use has been made of the tests known as the Schick and Dick Tests in Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever respectively.

Pathological and Bacteriological specimens are examined at the Beck Laboratory, Swansea. No use has been made of the Schick and Dick Tests.

- (7) Information as to whether the three private slaughterhouses are registered or licensed.

The three private slaughterhouses in the Borough are registered.

(Sd) E.A.Saunders.
Medical Officer of Health.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES,
PEMBROKE DOCK,

December 8, 1926.

